

IESO 2014

General Instructions

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Santander is a coastal city in northern Spain. There are about 180,000 inhabitants –and tourism increase the population notably in summer time.

Security

No special security advice is necessary.

Streets are generally safe even at night –streets keep busy until late and you can walk safely. Of course, you must pay attention to your valuables in crowded places.

Climate

Santander has a Temperate Atlantic climate. It does not conform to the topical idea of Spanish climate.

In September the temperature is warm to fresh, showers or a continuous light rain are common.

Climate data for Santander				
Month	Aug	Sep	Oct	Year
Average high °C (°F)	23.7 (74.7)	22.5 (72.5)	19.6 (67.3)	18.1 (64.6)
Daily mean °C (°F)	19.9 (67.8)	18.3 (64.9)	15.4 (59.7)	14.1 (57.4)
Average low °C (°F)	16.1 (61)	14.1 (57.4)	11.3 (52.3)	10.2 (50.4)
Precipitation mm (inches)	72 (2.83)	85 (3.35)	135 (5.31)	1,246 (49.06)
Average. precipitation days (≥ 1 mm)	7	9	12	128
Mean monthly sunshine hours	182	157	127	1,638

Source: *Agencia Estatal de Meteorología*^[3]

Clothing

In IESO as well as in town, casual dress is right at any time.

According to the climate, raincoat and umbrella are essential.

Comfortable shoes for the field trip –no need of mountain gear but better if impermeable and breathable.

Ceremonies dress code

Opening and Closing ceremonies are formal event. Formal dress is advisable.

Traditional dress gives the opening ceremony a special environment –bring it if you can!

Communication and electronics

Free WIFI will be available in all the Magdalena buildings.

However, students will have to give to the organization all their laptops, tablets and smartphones and any communication gadget from September 23, 14:00 h, to September 26, 18:00 h. During this time, families needing communication should contact the mentors of every delegation.

During ITFI, 25 September, students will need a camera in every team –not your smartphone camera.

During the time for preparation of ITFI presentations, 27 September, students will recover their computers and mobiles.

A USB flash memory is most advisable.

(Added 10/Sept/2014)

Food and drinking

Tap water is drinkable in any Santander establishment. You don't need to buy mineral water but it is available in any shop or restaurant.

A water bottle or flask is advisable (that you can refill in your room tap).

IESO organization will provide breakfast, lunch and dinner from your arrival to La Magdalena to your departure.

Some days a coffee-break will be provided in the morning and afternoon.

We will try to satisfy your dietary needs. At any time you can ask help to the members of the staff

In Spain, alcohol drinking and buying is forbidden and prosecuted under 18 years.

Drugs are strongly prosecuted.

Tobacco smoking is forbidden in any public building.

Health

Spanish pharmacies do sell medications mostly under medical prescription. Consequently we advise to bring any medicine you may need.

A health insurance is necessary. Medical care is very expensive and IESO organization can not cover any health cost.

Exams

Participant students will take five (5) Papers each developing a multidisciplinary subject.

Each paper will include 25 to 30 multiple choice questions –with one or several right answers.

Each right answer will add 1 point; each wrong answer will carry a 0,25 points discount.

Each Paper will have 1 hour 30 minutes to be answered.

You need only pencil, pen, eraser, a small ruler... and Knowledge.

We will add any new instruction to this document in www.ucm.es/ieso2014